

AN ACT

relating to individual indemnity health insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1201.104(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For individual accident and health insurance policies, the commissioner shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for benefits under each of the following categories of coverage:

- (1) basic hospital expense;
- (2) basic medical-surgical expense;
- (3) hospital [~~confinement~~] indemnity or other fixed indemnity;
- (4) major medical expense;
- (5) disability income protection;
- (6) accident only;
- (7) specified disease;
- (8) specified accident; and
- (9) limited benefit.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2016, the commissioner of insurance shall adopt any rules necessary to implement Section 1201.104, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 979 passed the Senate on  
April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 979 passed the House on  
April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 3, one  
present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor